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SUBJ: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

REF: STATE 219939

IN INTEREST OF MAKING LIST MORE SPECIFIC AND RELEVANT WE  
SUGGEST THAT DESK'S VERSION BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### A. BILATERAL RELATIONS

1. PROMOTE BAHAMIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY BY SUPPORTING BAHAMIAN REQUESTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS TOURISM INDUSTRY, SPECIFICALLY BY A) INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AIR ROUTES FROM THE U.S.; B) REPEALING OR AMENDING SECTION 602 OF THE U.S. TAX REFORM ACT OF 1976 CONCERNING DEDUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING FOREIGN CONVENTIONS; C) PASSING OF LEGISLATION PENDING IN CONGRESS RAISING THE AMOUNT FOR DUTY FREE PURCHASES; D) ESTABLISHING A PRE-CLEARANCE UNIT IN FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA.
  
2. NEGOTIATE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE FISHING ZONES AND MARITIME BOUNDARIES ON THE PRINCIPALS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND EQUITY AND TREATING THE BAHAMAS NO DIFFERENTLY THAN OUR OTHER TWO CLOSEST NEIGHBORS, CANADA AND MEXICO.

3. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED COOPERATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

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MATTERS PARTICULARLY NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND PROMOTE IMPROVED COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TAX EVASION.

4. NEGOTIATE FACILITY AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL ALLOW US CONTINUED USE OF THE FOUR FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS, AT A PRICE COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR VALUE AND WITHOUT LINKING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.

5. PROCEED WITH THE SCHEDULED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN BARTAD (AID FINANCED TEN MILLION DOLLAR BAHAMAS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER) MAKING CLEAR THAT FURTHER BILATERAL ASSISTANCE OF THIS NATURE IS PRECLUDED.

6. ENCOURAGE AND OFFER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO BAHAMIAN ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION, FAMILY PLANNING, AND MARKETING ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD INCREASE ECONOMIC STABILITY.

B. MULTILATERAL RELATIONS

1. ENCOURAGE THE BAHAMAS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS IN THE UNGA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA BEARING IN MIND THAT OUR POSITIONS WILL NOT ALWAYS COINCIDE PARTICULARLY ON ISSUES INVOLVING THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

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